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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH: Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT: Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--May 1985

I. OPERATIONS

Monitorial/Editorial

1. After a temporary lull in the fighting, the Gulf war experienced a major escalation when Iraq, in announced retaliation for the 25 May assassination attempt on the Kuwaiti amir, resumed air raids on significant targets in Iran. According to military communiques carried by Iraqi media, among the targets were the oil terminal on Khark Island, as well as Bandar e-Khomeyni, Ilam, and Tehran. Arab press comment on the intensified raids highlights the possibility that Iran may at last be driven to the negotiating table.

2. Toward the end of the month, the bureau made a fortuitous and important breakthrough by locating two new frequencies: 684 khz for Baghdad Voice of the Masses and 2992.5 for Damascus SANA in Arabic. With the new frequency, the Baghdad radio is now received with good reception almost around the clock on mediumwave 684, 1377, and 1035 khz, alongside the shortwave frequencies. Our reception of SANA, which had been poor and plagued by keying problems for years, is now good on the new frequency during all of the agency's transmission periods.

3. The chief monitor, with the assistance of editors and monitors, is compiling a detailed list of Sudanese political parties and professional organizations together with their ~~ann~~ announced leaders. Once the list is in final form, we will be forwarding copies to Headquarters, the BBC, and area field bureaus as a reference tool in attempting to sort out the likely power groups in the new government.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

At the end of April, Headquarters approved payment of 25% shift disturbance premium pay for hours worked between 1600 and 2400 for the Bureau's foreign national employees in place of the former 15% night differential. This long-sought improvement in the Bureau's compensation plan came as a result

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on the Bureau's receive line, made the upgrade highly desirable. The upgrade, along with technical changes in the operation of the pony line circuit, use of AIGs, and some reduction in the number of lateral services received on the circuit, is expected to eliminate the backlog problem.

C. Lateral Services

1. On 9 April, the Bureau received a letter of appreciation from DCM Edward Gnehm for its heads up reporting on the new Jordanian Council of Ministers, which was used for briefing the desk officer in the Department before the news hit the wire services. In his letter, Mr. Gnehm expressed particular gratitude to senior monitor [] for the time he took to talk about some of the new ministers--information that he found "most helpful."

2. The printer on the pony line in the Embassy Political Section was adjusted during Assistant Secretary of State Richard Murphy's visit to Amman 4-7 April to provide extra copies of materials of interest. The chief of the section advised the bureau that FBIS materials were included in "briefing packages" for the Murphy party and expressed his personal thanks for the service.

II. ADMINISTRATION

Personnel

The Embassy completed a salary change survey of the local economy and cabled the results to State/PER/FSN at mid-month. State is studying the results of the survey and has promised a response on possible changes in the local wage scale in the near future.

III. VISITS

A. From the Bureau

Bureau chief [] to Washington, 5-24 April, for the annual Bureau Chiefs Conference.

B. To the Bureau

1. Under Secretary of State for Management Ronald Spiers,

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of a local survey conducted by Headquarters officers in January and went into effect with the pay period beginning 12 May.

III. VISITS

From the Bureau

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Bureau chief [] traveled to Gulf Bureau on TDY 7-15 May.

To the Bureau

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1. B&F officer [] 1-3 May.
2. Production Group officer [] 21-27 May.
3. Production Group officer [] 30 May,
during a private visit to Jordan.

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

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I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

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| TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 287,990 |
| TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH: | 44,460 |
| TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH: | 1,102 |

II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTES OR ISSUES PER WEEK)

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| BROAD- CASTS | PRESS AGENCIES | PUBLI- CATIONS |
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| 6375 | 13830 | 73 |
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CLANDESTINE (IRAN AND IRAQ)

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI KURDISTAN IN
ARABIC

0

(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAQI REVOLUTION IN
ARABIC

0

BAHRAIN

MANAMA WAKH IN
ARABIC

0

FRANCE

PARIS RADIO MONTE CARLO IN
ARABIC

10430

PARIS AL-MUSTAQBAL IN
ARABIC

2490

PARIS AL-WATAN AL-'ARABI IN
ARABIC

3810

IRAQ

BAGHDAD VOICE OF THE MASSES IN
ARABIC

18610

BAGHDAD VOICE OF PLO IN
ARABIC

26600

BAGHDAD DOMESTIC SERVICE IN
ARABIC

4610

BAGHDAD INA IN
ARABIC

17270

BAGHDAD INA IN
ENGLISH

BAGHDAD AL-JUMHURIYAH IN
ARABIC

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BAGHDAD AL-THAWRAH IN
ARABIC

0

JERUSALEM IN

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| ARABIC TO THE ARAB WORLD | 6400 |
| JERUSALEM AL-FAJR IN | |
| ARABIC | 1350 |
| JERUSALEM AL-MITHAQ IN | |
| ARABIC | 0 |
| JERUSALEM AL-QUDS IN | |
| ARABIC | 330 |
| JERUSALEM AL-SHA'B IN | |
| ARABIC | 520 |
| JERUSALEM AL-TALI'AH IN | |
| ARABIC | 0 |

JORDAN

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| AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN | |
| ARABIC | 19000 |
| AMMAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN | |
| ENGLISH | 210 |
| AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN | |
| ARABIC | 3890 |
| AMMAN TELEVISION SERVICE IN | |
| ENGLISH | 4010 |
| AMMAN PETRA-JNA IN | |
| ARABIC | 2320 |
| AMMAN AL-DUSTUR IN | |
| ARABIC | 6410 |
| AMMAN AKHBAR AL-USBU' IN | |
| ARABIC | 0 |
| AMMAN AL-LIWA IN | |
| ARABIC | 420 |
| AMMAN AL-RA'Y IN | |
| ARABIC | 7150 |
| AMMAN THE JERUSALEM STAR IN | |
| ENGLISH | 620 |
| AMMAN JORDAN TIMES IN | |
| ENGLISH | 16350 |
| AMMAN SAWT AL-SHA'B IN | |
| ARABIC | 8000 |

LEBANON

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| MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN | |
| ARABIC | 800 |

QATAR

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| DOHA QNA IN | |
| ARABIC | 0 |

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| KHARTOUM SUNA IN | |
| ARABIC | 40660 |
| KHARTOUM SUNA IN | |
| ENGLISH | 26900 |

SYRIA

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| DAMASCUS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN | |
| ARABIC | 46390 |
| DAMASCUS TELEVISION SERVICE IN | |
| ARABIC | 8620 |
| DAMASCUS SANA IN | |
| ARABIC | 2670 |